

## EARLY MAY REMAIN IN THE DISTRICT

Officials Plan to Isolate  
Leper Near Old Sol-  
diers' Home.

SEEKING A MEANS  
TO GRANT PENSION

Technicalities Now Standing in the  
Way Will Be Overcome by  
Interested Executives.

John Early, the leper, now isolated off the Eastern Branch, may spend the remainder of his days upon the Government reservation at the Old Soldiers' Home in this city, if tentative plans now being considered by the Pension Department and the Judge advocate general of the army are finally perfected.

It has practically been decided that Early is entitled to and will receive a pension from the Government, provided some way can be found to pay it to him. When the pension is granted, it is planned to place Early in a lonely hut of his own, somewhere near the National Soldiers' Home, where he may still be under the espionage of the District health department and the Federal Government.

Justice Stafford, of the Supreme bench of the District, was seen by an official of the Pension Bureau this morning with a view to having the Justice appoint Mrs. Early as guardian of her husband's estate, by this means getting around the technical point affecting the payment of a pension to a person who is not permitted to handle money or sign his own vouchers.

Can't Be Guardian.

Justice Stafford informed the bureau that the District laws permitted the appointment of a guardian only for minors, the insane, and drunkards. Early, the leper, is not any of these, and the plan of appointing Mrs. Early as guardian must be abandoned.

Commissioner Vespasian Warner, discussing the sad case this afternoon, said:

"If ever a man deserved a pension, Early does. The disease with which he is suffering was undoubtedly contracted in the service. In fact, spots were noticed about his knees at the time he was mustered out, although their nature was not then determined."

"The Government will grant the unfortunate man a pension as soon as we can find some way to make the payments. He, of course, cannot handle the papers. We are told that his wife cannot be named guardian. We have, therefore, hit upon the plan of placing him at the Old Soldiers' Home, where a separate house could be erected for him. The officials at the home could then sign and execute the vouchers, and the money in this way would reach his wife."

The papers in the case have gone to Judge Advocate General Davis with this recommendation. Judge Davis will file it before the board of managers of the home. In the meantime we will do all we can to perfect matters so that we may come to the relief of the leper and his family.

Technicality in Way.

Judge Davis said this afternoon that the question of admitting the leper to the home could not be passed upon until the latter part of the month, when he will present the application to the home's board of managers.

"The law," said Judge Davis, "says that only persons who are discharged because of disability may be admitted to the home. Early was not discharged because of disability, as you know, but developed afterward. If he is admitted, it will be rather an exception to the rule. I cannot anticipate what disposition will be made of the case."

As soon as the difficulties that beset the officials can be overcome, Early will be awarded a pension of \$75 per month, the limit allowed, which will go for the support of himself, wife and baby. In the meantime, Mrs. Early is building a house that she may, through the generosity of friends, fit out a little cottage near her husband, wherever he is to be placed, so as to be as near him as possible.

Recall Soldier Days.

"This reminds me of the good old days when I was a soldier taking part in the field skirmishes," said John Early, when he awoke this morning to the booming of the hunters' guns along the marshes of the Eastern branch. Before sunrise the wild-bird hunters inaugurated the beginning of the season by sending volley after volley over the lowlands, adjoining the leper's tent.

Order Hunters Off.

The guards were immediately busy for a perfect hall of shot felt about the frail prison of the leper. Wading into the marsh, several of the guards, led by Superintendent Fleming, of the quarantine station, and Superintendent Rapetti, of the Smallpox Hospital, commanded the hunters to withdraw to a safe distance.

"Let them shoot; I don't believe they will hit us," said the leper, considerably. However, the hunters were

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## AT THE DIVIDING LINE



JOHN EARLY SPENDING AFTERNOON WITH HIS WIFE AND BABY.

informed that they must not come within a hundred yards of the tent, and the guards are busy today giving orders to those who did not receive orders at the early morning roll call.

Baby Wants "Papa."

Mrs. Early and baby reached the tent again at noon today, and there was another affecting scene as the little fellow wanted to go to "papa." A hammock will be swung this afternoon between two trees, just off from the leper's tent, so that his frail young wife may remain longer with him. She has expressed the intention of remaining most of the afternoon with her husband.

**Offer to Nurse Leper  
Comes From New Yorker**

Attracted by the pitiable condition of John Early, the leper, Philip C. Cosman, of New York, has written to Acting Health Officer McLean, volunteering his services to nurse the afflicted man. Dr. McLean has sent him an answer, thanking him for his offer and stating that should his services be required the health department would communicate with him.

Cosman asks no compensation, asking merely that his legitimate expenses be paid. He declares that he is not afraid of contracting the disease, and he thinks it a pity that the man must be cut off from all human companionship.

**FUND FOR LEPER  
GROWING RAPIDLY**

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are \$5 from my wife and me. We feel that we could not give it in a better cause."

Mr. Fleming was among those who were taken away from Early in his eyes yesterday when Early saw his baby for the first time since he was pronounced a leper. And the veteran quarantined man was ashamed, either, as the tears trickled down his cheeks, the result, he said, of "the most pathetic scene ever enacted."

Impostors at Work.

The lines has been informed that persons posing as representatives of this paper and of the Salvation Army have been calling at houses throughout the city asking for contributions. These persons are impostors, and should be treated as such. The Times has authorized no one to make a house-to-house canvass, and has made it plain that all contributions should be addressed to the "Early Fund," in care of The Times.

Adjutant Wiseman, of the Salvation Army, has no knowledge of any of his officers or members, who are making calls at houses. The adjutant has intended to take up the work systematically, but first has to receive authority from the Salvation Army headquarters before he can go ahead. He has not yet received an answer to his communication.

Among the letters received containing substantial sympathy was one from T. V. Powderly, chief of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization. "What you are doing for John Early and his family will be a gain to humanity generally," he says, "for it gives us a clearer, closer view of one suffering brother who sets an example in patient fortitude that must work for good. I enclose my check for \$5, and with it a word of cheer and hope to John Early."

There seems to be a doubt as to whether leprosy is contagious. The Times could do untold good by raising a fund to enable scientists and medical men to settle this doubt. I have another \$5 to contribute for this movement if you deem it proper to take it up."

Postmaster Barnes was one of the

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first to send in his contribution to the fund today.

"The Times is performing a meritorious work in endeavoring to relieve the distress of Mr. Early and his family," he said. "It is a work that will appeal to the people of Washington, and should result in a fund sufficient to meet their needs."

Other letters were written in the same vein, all expressing sympathy for the afflicted man and his wife and baby, all grateful for the opportunity to help them and make the burden of sorrow a little lighter.

Mrs. Early is receiving by every mail letters from sympathizing men and women. One man wrote to say that he wished he was able to contribute to the Times fund, but did not have any money. He has a little library, however, and he declared that he was sending by express a box of books for the leper, which include five volumes of Richard Harding Davis' works and six of Robert Louis Stevenson. The "Book of Martyrs" was also among the list.

A gray haired woman, handsomely dressed, but unwilling to disclose her identity, called at the home of Adjutant Wiseman this morning with a large bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Early. She talked with Mrs. Early for a long time and did much to cheer her.

**STEAMER COLLIDES  
WITH THE CORSAIR**

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—The yacht Corsair, owned by J. Pierpont Morgan, collided in the East River, off Twenty-second street, this morning with the New Bedford line steamship New Hampshire. A passenger on the New Hampshire named Demerues was seriously injured. A large portion of the upper works of the New Hampshire was torn away.

No one was injured on board the Corsair, and she escaped serious injury. It could not be learned whether or not Mr. Morgan was on board at the time of the collision.

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8 ft. 3 in. x 11 ft. 1 in. ....\$32.25  
8 ft. 3 in. x 12 ft. 1 in. ....\$37.50  
8 ft. 3 in. x 12 ft. 1 in. ....\$37.50  
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**SZECHENYIS WIFE  
DANGEROUSLY ILL**

Former Miss Vanderbilt's Baby Is  
Dead and She May Not  
Recover.

VIENNA, Sept. 1.—Countess Lazlo Szechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, is seriously ill at her husband's castle, and some doubt is expressed by physicians as to whether she will live. The countess had expected to become a mother in about two months, and has not been in good health, so that her present illness is all the more serious in view of the fact that her baby is dead.

Countess Szechenyi was married to the Count Lazlo in New York city and after a wedding trip and visit in Vienna they went to the count's country estate near here, where they have remained ever since.

**LITTLE HOPE FELT  
FOR COUNT TOLSTOY**

Aged Reformer's Illness Reported  
to Be Developing Into  
Pneumonia.

MOSCOW, Sept. 1.—Count Leo Tolstoy's physicians announced today that the aged reformer's illness will likely develop into pneumonia, which, in a man of his years, would prove fatal. His condition is said to be similar to that of the late Pope Leo XIII in his final illness.

He is at his home. He is not suffering much pain, and is in full possession of his mental powers. He seems indifferent as to the outcome of his illness, and has told his physicians that his work is done.

**THE DIPLODOCUS.**

The diplodocus was a gigantic fossil reptile with a long, low body, long neck, a remarkably small head, and a long, thick tail. It is estimated that its total length was sixty feet and its height nearly twelve feet. The neck of the animal was twenty feet long. When alive the creature probably weighed twenty tons, and ate at least 500 pounds of vegetable food daily.

**CHICAGO MOB TRIES  
TO LYNCH A NEGRO**

Vengeance on Assailant of White  
Girl Prevented Only by Arrival of Police.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—In an attempt to lynch a negro who had attacked a white girl while on her way to work, a mob of nearly 500 men and boys made a charge on a policeman, and would have taken and hanged his prisoner but for the timely arrival of other patrolmen.

The scene of the attempted lynching was Van Buren street and Wabash avenue. The crowd was so large and so determined that an extra detail of police had to be summoned.

The negro, Martin Vincent, who is believed to be a Springfield refugee, attacked Miss Josephine Ludwig, sixteen years old, as she entered the hallway at 25 Wabash avenue.

The girl's screams attracted E. W. Putnam, the elevator operator, and he tried to capture the negro. Putnam was knocked down by the assailant of the girl, but quickly regained his feet and pursued the negro, calling for help. A patrolman took up the chase and brought the negro to a stop by threatening to shoot.

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The new patterns of Lace Curtains for 1909 are out. Tomorrow's exposition of them will prove very instructive—demonstrating that while they are beautiful they are not more so than the patterns of 1908.

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One very important feature of tomorrow's sale will be the distribution of nearly 500 pairs of old year patterns which the makers are to discontinue. Bought and to be sold at the following surprise prices:



Only 89c pair for the best \$1.79 Lace Curtains of 1908, and only \$1.49 pair for the best \$2.50 Lace Curtains of 1908.

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